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REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA

FOR THE

SCHOLASTIC YEARS 1896-7 AND 1897-8,

TO THE

GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA.

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DECEMBER 2, 1898.

GENTLEMEN OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY:

I herewith transmit to you, in accordance with law, the report of the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama for the scholastic years 1896–97 and 1897–98.

Respectfully,

JOS, F. JOHNSTON,
Governor.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Nov. 30th, 1898.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY, JOSEPH F. JOHNSTON,
Governor of Alabama.

SIR:

The undersigned committee have the honor to hand you the annual report of the Trustees of the University of Alabama, for the scholastic year 1896–1897, and also for the scholastic year 1897–1898, in conformity with the requirements of Section 3679 of the Code of Alabama; and we respectfully request that after examination thereof, you will transmit the same, in such manner as you think proper, to the General Assembly, at its regular session of 1898–1899.

Very respectfully,

TENNENT LOMAX,
JOHN H. CALDWELL,
JAMES E. WEBB,
Committee of the Board of Trustees of
the University of Alabama,

Report of the Trustees of the University of Alabama,

FOR THE

Scholastic Years 1896-97 and 1897-98.

To the Honorable the General Assembly of Alabama:

In conformity with the requirements of Section 3679 of the Code of Alabama, making it the duty of the Board of Trustees to make to your Honorable Body, at each session thereof, a full report of their transactions and of the condition of the University, the Trustees of the University of Alabama, by the undersigned committee appointed by that body, respectfully submit the following report for the scholastic years beginning, respectively, October, 1st, 1896, and October 1st, 1897, and ending respectively, June 15th, 1897, and June 20th, 1898.

During the year 1895-96 the total number of students in attendance at the University, as shown by our report to the General Assembly, was 185. During the scholastic year 1896–97 there were enrolled in the Academic Department of the University 131, five of whom were young women, and in the Law Department 36, making the total enrollment of 167, of which number 35 of the acedemic students and 4 of the law class either resigned or left before commencement, leaving in all in attendance at the commencement in June, 1897, 128. Of which body there were 18 graduates taking the degree of Bachelor of Arts, four taking the degree of Bachelor of Science, and two taking the degree of Bachelor of Mining Engineering, and 26 taking the degree of Bachelor of Law.

In 1897-98 the enrollment of the Academic department was 187, of whom 15 were young women, as against 5 young women the year before. In the law department the enrollment was 9. Forty-one of those enrolled in the Academic department had rssigned or left before the commencement in June, 1898, leaving present at the commencement in June, 1898, 146 in the Academic department, as against 96 at the commencement in June, 1897. And of the law students four had resigned or left, leaving five in the law class at the time of the commencement in June, 1898.

The total number present altogether at the commencement in June, 1898, was 151, against 128 present at the commencement in June, 1897. There were no law graduates during the years 1897-1898. This grew out of the fact, hereafter to be more particularly referred to, that in June, 1896, a two years' course was prescribed by the Board of Trustees for graduation with the degree of Bachelor of Law. Of the academic students of 1897-1898, at the commencement in June, 1898, 14 were graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Arts, three with the degree of Bachelor of Science and two with the degree of Master of Arts in Course. It is with pride and pleasure that we call your to the fact that with the scholastic year 1897-1898 there began an increased attendance in the University, and especially is this to be noticed with reference to the number of young women who are availing themselves of the opportunities offered them by this institution, to acquire higher education in all of its departments, under the resolution adopted by the Board at its June session, 1896. And this increased attendance has not abated, but is shown to be still going on, by the fact that, at the opening of the session, 1898-1899, in October, 1898, and up to the time of this writ-

ing, there have matriculated 180 students in the Acadamic Department and 23 students of law in the law class. Of the 180 in the Academic department there are 26 young women, as compared to 15 during the year 1897-1898. The total enrollment to date is 203 as against 196 the year before.

The 67th Annual Commencement, which was celebrated in June, 1898, was notable for the very large attendance of the Alumni of the University, from nearly every part of the State, whose increased and increasing interest in all that partains to the welfare of the institution, is a harbinger of brighter days and of greater prosperity.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in June 1897, the Hon. R. B. Rhett, of Huntsville, having resigned, the Hon. William Richardson, appointed to succeed Col. Rhett, took his seat in the Board as a representative of the 8th Congressional District; and the Hon. William T. Northington, the Representative of the 5th District having resigned, the Hon. Daniel Pratt, of Prattville appointed in his place, was present to represent the 5th District for the first time. At the meeting in June 1897 the Board adopted a resolution releasing the senior class from military duties and dicipline and required them to board out of barracks; thus leaving the Freshmen, Sophomore and Junior classess to constitute the Corps of Cadets. At the same session of the Board (in June 1897) to keep pace with the purpose and intension of the Act of the Legislature, which was approved February 18th, 1897 and which was entitled "An Act to prescribe the duties and qualifications of attorneys and councellors at law and regulate their admission to practice in the courts of the State", which prescribed a more rigid examination and a higher standard for admission to the

Bar; and because, by the provision of Section 7 of that Act, as well as by the provision of rule 23 prescribed by the Supreme Court of the State, a diploma from the University of Alabama, conferring the degree of Bachelor of Law, entitled such graduate to admission without examination, the Board of Trustees materially eularged the course of study in the law department of the University, to such an extent as a require a two years study for graduation, and increased the tuition in the law department from $50 to $75 per annum. To this largely, if not almost altogether, is to attributed the fact that the matriculation in the law department of the University during the years 1897-1898 fell from 36, to year before, to 9. And as we expected it would be, the attendance in the law department, beginning with October 1898, has increased to 23 members.

There is another feature to which we beg to call your attention. It is the increased age and maturity of the young men now in attendance at the University. More marked in this respect than it has, perhaps, ever been before. In June 1897 the Board of Trustees, encouraged to do so by the additional appropriation of $10,000 for the calendar year 1898 and alike amount for the calendar year 1899, the first $5,000 of which became payable on the 1st, day of January, 1898, determined to add the important chair and school of Biology to the university course, and elected Dr. John T. Graham of New York as the Professor in that department. And at the same time the Board of Trustees availing themselves of the opportunity given them by such appropriation, something they could have not have done without it, determined to reduce the necessary expenses of the students in barracks, from $172.50 to $130 each per annum. Although no portion of the $10,000 appropriation for the

calendar year 1898 became available until January 1st, 1898, and although the Board for many years previously had been compelled in order to meet the current expenses which was a charge upon the university fund (of $24,000) and to supplement that fund to charge each student an incidental fee of $15, and add certain other extra charges amounting in all to $42.50 it relieved the the student body of these extra charges, doing away with the incidental fee altogether and reducing the board of the cadets from $12 per month to $10 per month thereby working out the reduction of the necessary expenses of a cadet from $172.50 to $130 per academic year of nine months. No tuition is charged to bona fide residents of Alabama. The character of board which is furnished the students of the university at $10 per month is in all respects, we can safely say, first class. The $130 includes washing, lights, fuel and servants, attendant, for the session of 38 weeks.

At the session of the Board in June, 1897, the Medical College at Mobile, Alabama, which has always been so in name, became, in fact, a department of the University; and by appropriate legislation of the Board of Trustees the union between the Mobile Medical College and the University of Alabama was perfected; and, by the action of the Board of Trustees, the graduates of the Medical Department receive their diplomas from the University. The relation thus established between the Medical Department at Mobile and the University is more intimate and more closely connected than the Medical School of Nashville with the Vanderbilt University, of which it is a part. By the rules and regulations governing such cases, the graduates in the school of Chemistry at the University obtain the benefit of their studies in that department when entering the medical department at Mobile.

At the same session of the Board James K. Powers, L. L D., was elected President of the University for the term of three years. Professor George O. Wilkins of New York was elected Professor of Engineering; and Dr. Wm. Berney Saffold was elected Professor of Greek; Judge William S. Thorington, of Montgomery, having resigned as a member of the Board of Trustees from the 2d District, was elected Dean of the Law Faculty and Professor of Law, and Ormon Somerville, Esq., of Tuscaloosa, was elected a Professor of Law.

SESSION OF THE BOARD, JUNE, 1898.

At the session of the Board in June, 1898, the entire faculty was elected for a term of three years and Professor George G. Brownell, of New York, was elected instructor of Romance Languages, which includes Spanish, French and Italian, and at the same time Dr. H. A. Sayre, of Montgomery, was elected Professor of Physics, and Professor A. A. Persons, of Florida, was elected Professor of Chemistry. Dr. Wm. G. Somerville was elected Surgeon of the Cadet Corps, and the Hon. William C. Fitts, late Attorney-General of Alabama, was elected Land Commissioner.

At the same time the Board recognized the necessity of bringing the University into closer relations with the teachers of the Public Schools of Alabama and in order to open the University to those teachers, made provision for holding a Summer school during the months of July and August, at which they and all others who desired to obtain the advantages that such a school would afford, might attend. It is to be hoped in this way many of the teachers in the public schools of Alabama will next summer, and each summer thereafter, be induced by the economical provisions which will be made for their board and instruction, to attend that school.

YOUNG WOMEN IN THE UNIVERSITY.

As shown in the first part of this report, 15 young women, daughters of Alabama, were in attendance during 1897–1898 in the several schools of the University. And such was the demand for increased facilities in that direction, which came up from many parts of the State, that the Board of Trustees, in June, 1898, found it to be their duty to go a step further in that direction; and determined to provide on a small scale a home, in close proximity to the University, where a limited number of mature young women, who lived at a distance from Tuscaloosa, might be cared for, and matriculate as students of the University. To this end, the board of Trustees organized the Julia S. Tutwiler Annex, and have fitted up the two story residence near the President's house, fronting on Tuscaloosa Avenue, which for many years has been occupied by the Quarter Master of the University, as a place of residence for young women, from a distance; and at this time there are in the Annex ten young women who are daily pursuing their studies in the halls of the University. These together with 16 others, who reside in Tuscaloosa or near the University, make the 26 young women who are now regular students. It is with great pride and pleasure that we can say, it is the testimony every member of the Faculty and of the President that the presence of these young ladies in the various class rooms has a splendid effect in every way upon the young men who compose the great body of students. Their presence stimulates the young men to greater diligence in their studies and to a higher degree of decorum in the class rooms. And from this small beginning, it is our confident hope and expectation that in a year or two at the farthest, our finances will be taxed for erecting an appropriate building of much larger pro-

portions to accommodate a much larger attendance of young women from all parts of the State.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

The advisory committee of the Society of the Alumni of the University is composed of the following gentlemen: Dr. John Massey, of Tuskegee, S. A. Wood, Esq., of Birmingham, and Phares Coleman, Esq., of Montgomery, and these gentlemen, by the action of the Board of Trustees, met with the Board at its last sitting and by their conservative counsel and advice, gave and will hereafter give valuable aid in the deliberations of the Board.

DEATH OF THE HONORABLE WILLIS G. CLARK.

It is with profound regret and sorrow that we have to report the fact that, since the meeting of this board in June last, the Hon. Willis G. Clark, who for so long a time, and so faithfully, has discharged the duties of Trustee from the First Congressional District, died in the State of Virginia, where he had gone for rest and recreation. His death will long be felt as a very great loss to the State of Alabama, but purticularly to the University of Alabama, his devotion to which he had shown by so many years of sacrifice and service. He was the oldest member of this board. He has taken an active part in all the work which has been accomplished, since 1884, and before that time, in raising the University from its ashes, and restoring its buildings with the funds raised by the munificent grant of lands made by the Congress of the United States to the University in that year. He was the chairman of what was known as the land committee which superintended the sale of coal lands

and the expenditure of the proceeds in the work of reconstruction and in the purchase of the Chemical and Physicial Laboratory. The cheerfulness with which Mr. Clark labored in all that appertained to the best interests of the University will never be forgotten by those of us whose pleasure it was to serve with him on the Board of Trustees; and his name is indissolubly linked with the present, past and future usefulness of this institution of learning,

LAND DEPARTMENT.

In June 1895 the Board of Trustees having completed the erection of all the buildings which the number of students then in attendence upon the University made necessary and having sold, as heretofore reported to you, 14,176 acres of land granted by the act of Congress of 1884, leaving still belonging to the University about 32,000 acres of land of that body, deemed it wisest and best that no more land should be sold at this time; but that, as far as possible, the policy in regard to these coal lands should be to lease them on a royalty to responsible parties. A resolution of the Board to that effect was adopted and in pursuance of that resolution, on the 16th day of May 1896, a lease of 600 acres of the University coal lands, located about six miles from Blocton on the B. B. & B. Railway was made to Messrs. Aldrich, Campbell & Thomas at a royalty or rental of 7c. per ton. This royalty or rent, under the resolution of the Board of Trustees, is paid monthly to the Treasurer of the University and goes into the University fund for expenditure in the current expenses of the institution. During the scholastic years 1895-96 the royalty of coal shipped from the Aldrich mines averaged about $111 per month. During the scholastic years 1896-97 this royalty amount-

ed to $3,656.13 or about $300 per month, and during the scholastic years 1897-98 it amounted to $4,667.89, or nearly $400 per month. These royalties are acounted for in the Treasurer's report made to the Trustees, a copy of which is attached hereto.

FINANCIAL REPORT.

For many years past, as you doubtless know, prior to January 1, 1898, the State of Alabama has annually paid to the University 8 per cent. on three hundred thousand dollars, that is, $24,000 per annum, payable semi annually, on $12,000 on the 1st day of January and $12,000 on the 1st day of July. This amount was insufficient to meet the current expenses of the University, and had to be supplemented from year to year by from $2,500 to $3,000, drawn from the cadets in the way of incidental fees and in board and other charges in excess of the cost of such board. This was so because no tuition has been charged the sons of any citizen of Alabama for many years. These extra charges imposed upon the student body ran up the necessary expenses of each cadet to about $175 per session of nine months. It has been the earnest desire of the Board of Trustees for many years to cut off all such charges of incidental fees and to reduce the charge for board to below $12 per month. But not until the Legislature came to the relief of the University, at its session of 1896–1897, and made an extra appropriation of $10,000 for the calendar year 1898 and a like amount for the calendar year 1899 could this be done. At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in June, 1897, a few months after the passage of the act of the Legislature making that appropriation, although the first installment of $5,000 could not be secured until January 1, 1898, the Board of Trustees applied the knife by

cutting off the charge of $15 incidental fee, which had been therefore charged each student, and other extra charges, and reduced the board in the mess hall from $12 to $10 per month. In all, these reductions amounted to $42.50 per session of nine months; thereby reducing the total necessary expenses of a cadet, as stated in the first part of this report, from $172.50 to $130. Notwithstanding this reduction in the price of board, by a very economical administration, the entire expenses of the Quartermaster's department, which includes the expenses of the mess hall, have been so controlled that, for the first time in a number of years, the cadet fund account has not had a deficit, but has been self-supporting. We hereto attach an itemized statement of the account of our much respected Treasurer, the Hon. James H. Fitts, showing the receipts and the disbursements in the University fund account for 1896-1897, marked Exhibit A, and the same account for 1897-1898, marked Exhibit B, and an itemized account of the same officer with the cadet fund for the year 1896-1897, marked Exhibit C, and of the same fund for the year 1897-1898, marked Exhibit D; and also the itemized account of James H. Fitts, Treasurer, with the investment fund for the year 1896-1897, marked Exhibit E; and also his itemized account of the same fund for the year 1897-98, marked Exhibit F; and the itemized account of James H. Fitts, Treasurer, with the building fund for the year 1896-1897, marked Exhibit G; (at the June session of the board, 1897, the building fund account was closed and the balance transferred to the land account). And we also hereto attach as part of this report the itemized account of J. H. Fitts, Treasurer, with the land fund for the year 1896-1897, marked Exhibit H; and the itemized account of J. H. Fitts, Esq., Treasurer, with the land fund for the year 1897-1898, marked Exhibit I.

These several exhibits show in detail the receipts and disbursements of money in carrying on the University during the scholastic year 1896-1897 and 1897-1898. In addition to the $24,000 paid by the State during 1897-1898, the royalty on coal received was $3,605.13; and there was collected of interest on purchase money notes given for lands sold, which included several years accrued interest, the sum of $2,020.65, the latter sum we cannot expect to receive in the future. In the University fund account there is an item of $3,246.45, paid into that fund account by J. J. Harris, Quartermaster, that being the amount of incidental fees, tuition and other extra charges derived from the cadets. This is no longer available, since the reduction of the charges from $172.50 to $130 per month as above reported. The item of $2,500 which the Treasurer received from the cadet fund was simply the repayment to the University fund of that amount which had been loaned from the University fund account to the cadet fund to be used in purchasing coal during the summer, to be returned and is not a proper item to be considered in estimating the true amount of the University income. The total receipts on the University fund account during 1896-1897 was $36,325.58, and of this, as above stated, over $3,000 was paid by the students and over $2,000 was the accumulated interest on land notes and the $2,500 repaid to that fund from the cadet fund, which last, includes money paid by students for board, fuel, lights and washing during the year.

The disbursements of the University fund for the year 1896-1897 is $33,886.54. This shows an apparent balance in the hands of the Treasurer due that fund of $2,639.04; but in fact it requires that entire amount and more, to make the payments which were due to the

members of the faculty and other expenses of the scholastic year which did not close until July 1st, 1897, so that there was really no balance of the University fund in the hands of the Treasurer when these salaries and expenses that were paid during the latter part of June had been paid.

Exhibit B shows the condition of the University fund for the year 1897-1898; the total receipts therein was $38,697.71, which includes the first installment of $5 000, of the additional appropriation made in February 1897 and received January 1st, 1898. It also includes balance $3,629.14 in the hands of the Treasurer at the date of the session of the Board of Trustees on June 15, 1897. The total disbursements up to the date of the meeting of the board, June 20, 1898, was $37,941.34, thus leaving a balance, then reported, of $666.37 only, so that this amount was not sufficient to meet the payment of monthly salaries during the month of June 1898 and other expenses which had to be paid before the close of the financial year, ending June 30, 1898. The tuition fee amounting to $409.82, was what was paid by law students and young men from other states. The cadet fund account for 1896-1897, shows a total receipt of $16,532,48 and total disbursements amounted to $16,514.69, $11,765.77 of those receipts was paid by the students for board, light, fuel, washing and attendants, the balance was borrowed from the University fund. The cadet fund account for 1897-1898 shows of receipts during that year from all sources, a total of $16,853.26, which includes a small balance from the year before of $17.79 and the total disburbursements $15,907.15, leaving a balance to the credit of that fund with which to purchase supplies of coal, of $946.11, as against a balance of only $17.79 the year before. This creditable showing in the cadet fund, notwithstanding

the reduction of board from $12 to $10 per month, is due to the wise suggestions of the president of the University, Dr. James K. Powers, whose vigilance and economy demonstrate his faithfulness to duty on the lines of economy and give promise of a successful University management in matters of higher import.

The investment fund account for 896-1897, in the Treasurer's hands shows balance of $269.91 in cash and in the hands of the Treasurer there are five $100 Class A, Alabama State coupon bonds.

The investment account, as shown by the Treasurer's report, upon that fund for 1897-1898, is as follows:

Balance on hand.....	$ 307 41
And the same Five $100 Coupon bonds, heretofore reported.	

BUILDING FUND FOR 1896-1897:

Total receipts.....	1,185 99
Total amount disbursed upon the checks of the Chairman of the building committee as shown by his report, by receipted vouchers accompanying said report.....	834 00
Balance in the hands of the Treasurer, June 1st.....	351 99
The land fund account for 1896-1897 shows the Treasurer debited with $3,048.23, the balance on hand at time of last report, and no additional receipts added since.	
Total disbursements by the Treasurer on that account for 1896-1897 was.....	2,813 79
Showing balance on hand.....	234 45
The land fund account for 1897-1898 shows total receipts.....	3,157 69
And total disbursements of.....	3,228 12
Balance due Treasurer.....	60 53

It is proper to explain at this place that in June, 1897 the Board of Trustees re-organized its committes, doing away with the building committee and the land committee and some others and placing the duties which had heretofore been discharged by the land committee and its chairman, on a new committee called the Executive committee. This last committee resolved, upon its organization, that it would not handle any of the funds belonging to the University, nor draw any checks upon the Treasurer for funds in his hands, derived from the sale of lands, but that all such checks should be drawn by the President of the University upon the Treasurer, to be paid out of the land fund, upon the approval of the Chairman of the Executive committee of bills properly rendered.

In conclusion of this part of our report, the Board of Trustees respectfully submit to your honorable body that it, through its President and other officers has been careful in the expenditure of the public money; that we have scrutinized every demand for an appropriation and that no money has been drawn from the treasury except by an appropriation supported upon its merits. We would especially invite the attention of your honorable body to the fact that the extra $10,000 per annum received during the year 1898 was absolutely essential to meet the demands which were made upon us; that not one dollar has been extravagantly expended, but that as shown by the figures above given, the University could not have been run without that appropriation, and its current expenses paid, unless we had resorted to the practice of exacting from the cadets from $3,000 to $5,000 in contingent and incidental fees; and we could have added to the teaching force of the University those teachers which were so necessary, as herein above reported. In this onnection we would also report that during the year

1898 the University lost the services of Lieutenant Baylin, who had been assigned to duty at the University by the War Department, as Professor of Military Science and Tactics; and who discharged the duties as Commandant. This occurred in the early part of 1898, and just about that time the impending war with Spain made it impossible for us to obtain from the Government at Washington the assignment of another officer to discharge those duties. That necessitated the employment of a Commandant from civil life, and Hon. Earle Pettus, who is now an honored member of your honorable body, was employed as Commandant of the corpse of cadets, and has, with great satisfaction, discharged the duties of that responsible position; but the salary of that officer comes as an additional tax upon the University fund, which we did not have to pay so long as we had an officer of the United States army detailed for that duty.

All useless expenditures were cut off by the administration. And several appropriations which had heretofore been made for assistant Professors, Post Adjutant, &c., were done away with and every possible effort has been made to get full value for every expenditure.

ADDITIONAL REMARKS.

In addition to what has been said above about the reduction of the charge for board to the cadets in the mess hall, the Board of Trustees have taken steps which have resulted in reducing the price of board charged elsewhere to non-military students who live out of barracks. We have long felt that the price of board per month in the City, charged to those who do not live in barracks, should be lessened; and in June last we adopted measures which have proved efficacious, so that seniors and non-military students can now live at an expense per

month about the same as it costs cadets in the barracks. It has been the purpose and desire of the Board to induce older men throughout the State of Alabama, who do not wish to become cadets, under military discipline and control, to attend ; and there are quite a number of those who are now matriculates. It is our desire to extend this privilege to all who are old enough, or sufficiently matured in characrer, to avail themselves of the opportunity offered.

SOCIETY OF THE ALUMNI.

This society has co-operated in building up and advancing the interest of the University. Never before have its members taken such interest as they do at this time. The advisory committee from that society was, at the meeting of the Board in June 1898, brought into the Board as consulting members, and they gave us assistance by their counsel and advice.

MORAL TONE OF THE STUDENT BODY.

It is gratifying for us to be able to report the existence of an excellent moral tone pervading the student body, which compares favorably with that of any other body of students in this State or any other State. An active working body of Christian young men have organized aud take much interest in the workings of a Young Mens' Christian Association in the University. It holds meetings in the buildings, which we think, and are informed, are largely attended. And the Board of Trustees have encouraged that body of students by appropriations made for fitting up for their use a suitable hall. The time may come, and we hope will come soon, when this Young Mens' Christan Association will require for its use a separate building on the campus.

Having thus completed the work required by the Statute Law of the State, and we, on behalf of the Board of Trustees, submit this report for the information of the General Assembly, and earnestly ask that it may be carefully read and considered and that the actions of said Board may be approved.

Respectfully submitted.

TENNENT LOMAX,
JOHN H. CALDWELL and
JAMES F. WEBB.

Committee of the Board of Trustees of the University of Alabama.

EXHIBIT "A".

University Fund Account as shown by the books of J. H. Fitts Esq., Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

RECEIPTS.

1896.		
June 1.	To amount from State Treasury (int. on Univ. Fund).....	$ 24,000 00
	To Royalty from the Cahaba Southern Mining Co.....	3,605 13
	To amount from J. J. Harris, Q. M.....	3,246 45
	To Int. on judgement vs. Tusca. Coal, Iron & Land Co.....	2,020 65
	To Int. on notes of R. C. McCalla jr.....	168 00
	To Int. on notes of M. J. & C. M. Donoho.....	27 20
	To amount transferred from Land Fund Acct.....	738 15
	To amount from Railroad branch.....	20 00
	To amount from Cadet Fund, repayment of loan.....	2,500 00
	To amt. total receipts for 1896-97	$ 36,325 58

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.		
June 13.	By Balance due Treasr. as per account rendered this day, erroneously printed in published report as June..... $	15,584 99
	By amts. paid Profs., President, Teachers and Officers.....	25,020 42
	By amt. expenses members Board of Trustees.....	276 26
	By amt. paid Secretary Board of Trustees.....	125 00
	By amt. paid University mechanic.....	300 00
	By amt. Insurance on Buildings.....	380 00
	By amt. paid Traveling expenses of Faculty.....	200 00
	By amt. paid for Catalogues...	200 00
	By amt. Repairs on University property.....	455 06
	By amt. paid J J. Harris, bal. on Armature	41 37
	By amt. Cadet B. P. Head, Cadet Electrician.....	50 00
	By amt. paid E. A. Smith University Reception..... ...	43 70
	By amt. paid for Corolla..... .	100 00
	By amt. paid J. J. Mayfield...	40 00
	By amt. Paid Rev. E. R. Hendrick.....	50 00
	By amt. paid Trustees prize...	25 00
	By amt. paid for Telephone ..	50 00
	By amt. paid for College Journal "Crimson-White".....	50 00
	By amt. paid R. H. Powell, binding three volumes..	4 50
	By amt. paid transferring funds from Montgomery.....	7 90
	By amt. paid repairs on Sinks and Closets.....	250 00
	By amt. paid repairs on Gymnasium and Woods Hall.....	181 45
	By amt. paid apparatus for	

	Gymnasium.....	30 68	
	By amt. paid Committee to report to Governor.....	50 00	
	By amt. paid Committee on charges vs. Professors.....	135 00	
	By amt. expenses of Committee to Legislature.....	87 94	
	By amt. paid Geological Department.....	50 00	
	By amt. paid T. Washington & R. Tutwiler.....	5 00	
	By amt. paid T. W. Palmer for Alumni Catalogue.....	36 00	
	By amt. paid Appropriation for music.....	100 00	
	By emt. paid for Periodicals for Library.....	50 00	
	By amt. Loaned Cadet Fund...	2,500 00	
	By amt. Loaned Cadet Fund by order of Board.....	1,500 00	
	By amt. paid for Contingent Expenses.....	706 27	
1897. June 19.	By amt. due from Treasr. to Balance.....	2,639 04	
		$ 36,325 58	$ 36,325 58
1897. June 19.	To Balance due from Treas....		$ 2,639 04

EXHIBIT "B".

University Fund Account as shown by the books of J. H. Fitts Esq. Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

RECEIPTS.

1897.		
June 19.	To balance as per acct. rendr'd.	$ 2,639 04
	To Int. on Endowment from State Treasury.....	24,000 00
	To Appropriation by Legislature.....	5,000 00
	To Int. collected on Land, Notes & Judgement vs. T. C. I. & L. Co.....	825 49
	To amt. borrowed by Executive Committee.....	854 17
	To amt. from sales of old Codes of Alabama.....	15 00
	To amt. from C. B. Verner Land Commissioner.....	6 00
	To Royalty from Cahaba Southern Mining Co.....	4,667 89
	To amt. from J. J. Harris, Q. M.....	600 12
1898.		
	June 18 Total receipts to date.	$ 38,607 71

DISBURSEMENTS.

1898.		
June 18.	By amtoun paid Prestiden, Profs. Teachers and Officers...$	27,526 27
	By amt. paid expenses members Board Trustees.....	319 98
	By amt. paid Servants for waiting on Trustees.....	7 50
	By expenses of Debt Commissioners.....	27 45
	By amt. paid addition and repairs on Hardaway house	855 00
	By amt. paid salary of Mechanic	529 97
	By amt. paid for Cash Book for Treasurer	9 25
	By amt. Insurance on Buildings.....	967 00
	By amt. Loaned to Cadet Fund by order Board.....	2,700 00
	By amt. paid Salary Secretary Board.....	125 00
	By amt. paid Commutations for house rent.....	300 00
	By amt. paid Appropriation University Reception.....	89 75
	By amt. paid Appropriation for for Athletic Association.....	200 00
	By amt. paid Appropriation for Music.....	100 00
	By amt. paid Burton & Weatherford for Printing.....	64 50
	By amt. Appropriation Tuscaloosa Water Works.....	100 00
	By amt. paid G. M. Edgar for repairs.....	16 34
	By amt. paid Prof. Edgar for supplies.....	32 25
	By amt. paid for Trustees prize.....	25 00
	By amt. paid Rev. W. H. Whitsett.....	50 00
	By amt. paid for Corolla.....	100 00

	By amt. paid Prof. Smith for Geological Department.....	50 00	
	By amt. paid Burk and Owen, Electricians.....	50 00	
	By amt. paid Mrs. A. G. Gorgas, House Rent.....	15 15	
	By amt. paid W. S. Wyman, bal. on Typewriter.....	20 51	
	By amt. paid for Periodicals...	49 88	
	By amt. paid for repairing Engine and boiler.....	100 00	
	By amount paid for Telephone.	19 66	
	By amt. paid Literary Society and Y. M. C. A.....	358 46	
	By amt. University Journal. "Crimson-White.".....	10 00	
	By amt. paid for Catalogue....	199 88	
	By amt. paid for repairs on University property.....	1,105 51	
	By amount paid for Contingent Expenses.....	1,817 03	
1898. June 18.	By amt. due from Treasurer.	666 37	
		$ 38,607 71	$ 38,607 71
1898. June 18.	To Balance due from Treasure.		$ 666 37

EXHIBIT "C."

General Cadet Fund Account as shown by the books of J. H. Fitts, Esqr., Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

1896.

RECEIPTS.

June 13.	To balance as per account rendered.....		$ 766 71
	To am't from University Fund by order of Board.....		2,500 00
	To am't from J. J. Harris, Q. M.		11,765 77
	To am't from Univ. Fund by order of Board.....		1,5000 00
1897.			
June 19.	To total receipts to date.....		$16,532 48

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.			
By am't paid checks Prest. favor Q. M....$		12,514.69	
	paid salary Q. M. on Prests., cer.	1,500.00	
	repaid Univ. Fund account.....	2,500.00	
	due from Treasurer ta balance..	17.79	
	$	16 532.48	$ 16.532 48
1897.			
June 19.	To balance due from Treasurer brought down.....		17 79

EXHIBIT "D."

General Cadet Fund Account as show by the book of J. H. Fitts, Esq., Treasurer of the University of Alabama,

RECEIPTS.

1897.			
June 19.	To balance as per account rendered.....		$ 17 79
	To am't from University Fund account by order of Board...		2,700 00
	To am't from J. J. Harris, Q.M.		14,135 47

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
By am't to R. E. Rodes & Co.....		409 50	
paid salary J. J. Harris, Q. M....		1,500 00	
Q. M. on checks of President....		13,997 65	
1898.			
June 13. By am't due from Treasurer to balance.....		946 11	
	$	16 853 26	$ 16,853 26
1898.			
June 18. To balance due from Treasurer			$ 946 11

EXHIBIT "E."

Investment Fund Account as shown by the book of J. H. Fitts, Esq., Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

RECEIPTS.

1896.			
June 13.	To balance as per account rendered		$ 159 91
	To am't from Land Fund Acct. by order of Board.....		100 00
	To am't from Int. on bonds to July 1.....		10 00
1897.			
June 19.	To balance due from Treasurer	$ 269 91	
		$ 269 91	$ 269 91
1897.			
June 19.	To balance due from Treasurer		$ 269 91

EXHIBIT "F."

Investment Fund Account as shown by the book of J. H. Fitts, Esq., Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

1897.		
June 19.	To balance as per account rendered	$ 269 91
	To interest collected on $500 Ala. Class A. Bonds.....	37 50
	Balance to the credit of this Fund.....	$ 307 41

The securities belonging to this Fund now in the hands of J. H. Fitts, Treasurer, are as follows:

Class "A" Alabama Bonds numbered	8356, for $100	
	8441, for $100	
	8710, for $100	
	8769, for $100	
	8882, for $100	
Total amount of bonds.....		$500

with coupons for January, 1899 attached. The coupons for July, 1898 having been collected by the Treasurer at that date amounting to $12.50, which amount is not included in the above balance.

EXHIBIT "G."

Building Fund Account as shown by the book of J. H. Fitts, Esqr., Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

1896.			
June 13.	To Balance as per account rendered		$ 185 99
	To amount transferred from Land Fund on check of W. G. Clark..		1,000 00

DISBURSEMENTS.

1896.			
	By amount paid on checks of W. G. Clark, Chairman, No. 1302, and 1304 to 1327 both inclusive.....$	834 00	
1897.			
June 19.	By balance due from Treasurer.	351 96	
	$	1,185 99	$ 1,185 99
1897.			
June 19.	To balance due, brought down.		$ 351 99
June 23.	By order of the Board of Trustees, this balance was transferred to Land Fund Account, and the Building Fund Account was ordered to be closed which was done this day.... .....$	351 99	
	$	351 99	$ 351 99

EXHIBIT "H"

The Land Fund Account as shown by the books of J. H. Fitts, Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

RECEIPTS.

1896.			
June 13.	To balance as per account rendered	$	3,048 23
	During the year 1896–97, there were no receipts on this account.....		

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
June 19.	By amount paid on checks of W. G. Clark, Chairman of Land Grant Committee to date.....	$	2,813 78
	By balance due from Treasurer J. H. F.....	$	234 45
1897.			
June 19.	To balance due from Treasurer.	$	234 45

EXHIBIT "I"

1897.

Land Fund Account as shown by the books of J. H. Fitts, Treasurer of the University of Alabama.

RECEIPTS.

June 19.	To balance as per account rendered	$ 234 45
June 23,	To collection of note of Tennessee Coal, Iron and Land Company	500 00
	To balance from Building Fund Account	351 99
1898.		
	To amount from C. B Verner, Land Commissioner	28 83
March 16.	To amount from State Treasury by order of Board of Trustees	1,000 00
April 3.	To amount from State Treasury by order of Board	1,052 32
		$ 3,167 59

DISBURSEMENTS.

1897.			
June 25.	By amount paid W. G. Clark, salary as Acting Land Commissioner on check of President Jones	$ 375 00	
	By amount paid widow of J. W. Bass on check of W. C. Clark, Chairman, favor of J. W. Bass	62 00	
	By amount paid bill to J. H. Fitts & Co., made by Executive Committee by verbal order of President J. K. Powers	875 00	

Paid on checks of President J. K. Powers—

	By amount salary C. B. Vernon Land Commissioner.....	500 00	
	By amount travelling expenses Land Commissioner.....	17 50	
	By amount paid Land Commissioner for Court costs.....	129 06	
	By amount paid for Department of Biology..... ...	488 67	
	By amount paid for Department of Pharmacy.....	424 87	
	By amount paid for Engineering Department.....	211 09	
	By amount paid for Classical Department.....	144 93	
1898. June 18.	By amount due J H. Fitts, Treasurer to balance.....		$ 60 53
		$ 3,228 12	$ 3,228 12
1898. June 18.	To balance due J. H. Fitts, Treasurer.....$	60 53	

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